

UNAPPROVED MINUTES
TOWN OF RYEGATE
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SELECT BOARD MINUTES
February 13, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Steven Crandall at 7:11 PM. Other members present: Andrew Smith and Darryl Perkins. Also present: William Hetu, Carl Bayer, Catherine Davie, Regina Hazel, Patricia Crocker, Nelson Elder, Greg Murray, Levi Welch, Jeff Haslett, Crystal Franklin, Julian French, and Richard Balzano. Via Zoom: Steven Crandall, Cheryl Slayton, Dori Wolfe, Justin Lemieux, Jackie Sinclair, Gail Brown and Ashley M.

Minutes of January 23, 2023 were reviewed. Darryl moved to approve the minutes as printed, Andy seconded the motion and it carried.

Public Comment and Possible Additions to the Agenda: Richard Balzano to discuss the Town's Animal Control Policy. Jeff Haslett asked if the ARPA report was in the Town Report. The Board stated yes, it is. Darryl made a motion to add the one addition to the agenda, Andy seconded the motion and it carried.

Richard Balzano stated 2 weeks ago his dog got out and was taken to the Animal Control Officer, Rachel Clough. He was informed of the Town's 3 strikes policy. He was concerned that a dog could be removed from an owner's home after 3 incidents of running at large. He asked if this was a Town or State policy. Andy explained The State and Town's laws for dogs running at large. The Town does have a leash law. The Town Clerk stated the dog was picked up on East Rd and brought to the Town Office. If the dog was licensed and was wearing tags, the Clerk would have a record of the dog's owner.

Richard said that he would like to handle this in a neighborly fashion. The town is his neighbor. He does not want to put up a fence to keep his dogs in. The Town's sand pile is partial on his property. Richard would like to be on the agenda for the next meeting.

Peter Musty asked the Board if they had reviewed the results of Chase & Chase Surveyor's on Stone Rd. He presented several maps(survey) and lidar images on how he believes Stone Rd (Hwy 29) goes into the Quarry. He disagrees with the Town Surveyor. When the Quarry went through the Act 250 process he was excluded and he would like a key to the Quarry gate so he can access his property. The Town does not have a key to the gate. Andy stated that the road was changed and lengthened without an act of the Select Board. The State Hwy map may be incorrect. The report done by Chase & Chase Surveyor has been sent to the State mapping division. The Town is waiting to hear back from the State. Peter would like to meet with Chase & Chase Surveyor to share his information with them.

Carl Bayer introduced Dori Wolfe from Wolfe Enterprises via zoom. Dori was contacted by the Ryegate Energy Committee to help with the developing Ryegate Community Solar Project. She explained all aspects of the process, location, shareholders, off takers and the benefits of the Town being an off taker of the solar array.

Lister Regina Hazel Tax Map Proposal- The Town budgeted \$1675.00 for tax mapping. When she received the proposal, it was \$325.00 more than approved at the budget meeting. Andy made a motion to sign the agreement with CAI for the tax mapping, Darryl seconded the motion and it carried.

Treasurer's Report: The Board reviewed bills and signed orders.

Road Report: Nelson is still waiting for the garage door opener motor. 2016 plow went to Robco for repairs. Minor repairs on the winter sand screen. Working on the Class 2 roads and the structure grant for the Whitehill Rd Culvert.

FOR ACTION:

Greg Murray Ryegate Fire Dept.-3 applications for the fire dept that the Board reviewed. 1 for the auxiliary and 2 firefighters. Andy moved to accept the 3 applications for the Fire Dept., Steve seconded the motion. Gregg also discussed with the Board the Grant that he is applying for through VLCT. Inter-Governmental Agreement Ambulance Service, the Board will wait to sign after Town Meeting Certificate of Highway Mileage- The Board decided to wait for signing this document. The Board reviewed Andy's thoughts on a Class 4 Roads and Trails policy. The Board will review and it will be on the Agenda for the next meeting.

FOR INFORMATION:

The Clerk asked the Board when they wanted to have the Organizational meeting after the Town Meeting.

The Board decided to have it March 8 2023, 12:00 PM at the Town Office.

Public Comment: None

There being no other further business. Darryl moved to adjourn at 8:50PM, Andy seconded the motion and it carried.

_____ Elizabeth Page, Clerk for the Board